Making Art and Agri-Culture Visible: Reflections from InFACT Executive Committee Member Michael Mercil

On the eve of his retirement, InFACT Executive Committee Member Michael Mercil talked with us about his work to make art and agri-Culture visible at Ohio State and beyond. Click the link below to learn about the tremendous impact he has had on InFACT, including helping to create the group’s new strategic plan.

Mercil at Site set-aside (2017-ongoing)

Read the Story
As part of our overall strategic plan, and in combination with our research agenda and the recently announced initiative to open a food systems clinic, InFACT is now gearing up to fulfill the dream of developing innovative financing strategies for new and redeveloped food system infrastructure that will be needed to serve the growing demand for more regionally sourced and sustainably grown food. Reimagined and rejuvenated supply chain infrastructure will be as important to increasing diversified agriculture in Ohio as to supporting health-conscious consumers regardless of socioeconomic status. Read InFACT Executive Director Brian Snyder's essay at the link below to learn more.

Program Assistant Position Available

InFACT Faculty Director Casey Hoy and Program Coordinator Angela Blatt are seeking a Program Assistant to work on the WK Kellogg Foundation funded Buckeye ISA Project, supporting a network of small scale producers in economically disadvantaged neighborhoods in Columbus and the central Ohio region. If you’re interested, click below to see the job description and apply soon!

InFACT AFFILIATE ACHIEVEMENTS

Drawing a Line in the Mud: Scientists Debate When 'Age of Humans' Began

InFACT faculty hire Nick Kawa, assistant professor in anthropology, was interviewed and quoted extensively for NPR's Morning Edition.
Global Water Institute Leads Effort to Improve Water and Food Security with the Navajo Nation

InFACT faculty hire Leah Bevis and faculty affiliate Mary Rodriguez are leading research efforts in a water and food security project to benefit the Navajo Nation.

Undisciplined: Death in the Soil

InFACT faculty hire Erin Lin, assistant professor in political science, was interviewed for NPR’s Undisciplined program.

American Bombing 50 Years Ago Still Shapes Cambodian Agriculture

Erin Lin’s research was also prominently featured in The Economist. A PDF version of the article is here.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Grounded Hope Podcast Episode Two "Black Farming" now available

Coffee with the Master Gardeners from OSU Extension
April 3, 2021, 8:00 - 10:00am

Free Spring/Summer Vegetable Garden Seed Distribution from OSU Extension
April 3, 2021, 11:00am - 1:00pm

OSU Time for Change: Mitigating Food Waste - An Expert Panel Discussion
April 6, 2021, 5:00pm

NSF "Large Facilities Workshop" Webinar Series
April 7, 2021, 11:00am

APOP & SFC Spring 2021 Lecture Series – Adaptation and Resilience: Food, Food Security, and Food Systems in and outside of Central Ohio
April 13, 2021, 6:00 - 7:15pm

The Power of Food: Cultivating Equitable Policy through Collective Action – Kansas City, MO
September 20-22, 2021
FUNDING & OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Graduate Student Grants
Deadline: April 8, 2021

InFACT Linkage and Leverage grant
Deadline: April 9, 2021

NIFA’s Food and Agriculture Service Learning Program
Deadline: May 3, 2021

NIFA’s Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Education and Workforce Development
Deadline: July 1, 2021

NIFA’s Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Sustainable Agricultural Systems
Deadline: July 1, 2021

NIFA’s Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Foundational and Applied Science
Deadline: July 29, 2021

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